

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT
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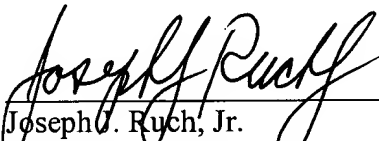
REMARKS

Claim 5 have been amended to place the claims in desired appropriate form for examination. Thus all of the claims are now in appropriate form, and the Examiner is respectfully requested to proceed with the examination.

Early favorable action is earnestly solicited.

In the event that the Examiner believes that it may facilitate the further prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney at the local Washington, D.C. telephone number indicated below.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

5. (amended) A water blocking construction method which comprises utilizing

(1) a coating for water blocking agents ~~according to Claim 1~~ comprising a water-absorbing resin (a), a hydrophilic binder resin (b) and a solvent (c) as essential components, wherein said hydrophilic binder resin (b) has an acid value of 40 mg KOH/g to 500 mg KOH/g, and/or the or

(2) a sheet pile and/or steel tubular pipe for water blocking construction methods ~~according to Claim 4~~ wherein the coating for water blocking agents according to (1) has been applied thereto.